

**NETWORK SYSTEM, METHOD AND PROTOCOLS FOR HIERARCHICAL
SERVICE AND CONTENT DISTRIBUTION VIA DIRECTORY ENABLED
NETWORK**

Abstract:

5 A network system is provided for management of hierarchical service and content dis-
tribution via a directory enabled network to improve performance of the content delivery
network with a hierarchical service network infrastructure design. In accordance with the
network system, a method and protocols are provided as to how to design the network of
multiple data centers running existing Internet protocol and user's proprietary protocols,
10 allowing a user to obtain various Internet services, especially the content delivery service,
in a scalable and fault tolerant way. The network system is constructed into 4 layers, each
layer is represented and managed by a service manager with back up mirrored managers.
The layer 4 service manager is responsible for management of multiple CDN (content
delivery network) . The layer 3 service manager is responsible for management of one
15 CDN network that has multiple data centers. The layer 2 service manager is responsible for
management of one data center that has multiple server farms or service engine farms. The
layer 1 service manager is responsible for all servers in a server farm. Each server of the
server farm can be connected by LAN Ethernet Switch Network that supports the layer 2
multicast operations or by Infiniband switch which is the new industry I/O specification for
20 server design.